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## UNC employees misunderstand Hunt, take time off

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Gov. Jim Hunt's decree last week that gave some state employees the option of taking the week off to help victims of Hurricane Fran has caused confusion among UNC employees.

Employees of 24-hour facilities, including University faculty and staff, were not supposed to be included in Hunt's decree. But some UNC workers, who misunderstood the statement, took days

off last week.

"What the governor said and what his press release said were two different things," said Drake Maynard, director of UNC Human Resources.

"His speech explained that nonessential employees had the option of staying out of work if they engaged in some form of cleanup."

Drake said confusion arose when Hunt made additions not stated in the policy.

The term "nonessential workers" was not defined in Hunt's speech, leaving

University employees unsure if they were included, Drake said.

Even faculty leaders faced confusion.

"The staff in the Faculty Council office was not clear whether they were essential or nonessential employ-



Gov. JIM HUNT gave workers the week off.

ees," said Jane Brown, chairwoman of the Faculty Council. "It was a good gesture on the governor's part, but it was confusing."

But Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Laurie Charest said the decree was clearly not for University workers.

"The University system was specifically exempt," Charest said.

"(Hunt's decree) did not cover UNC employees."

Charest said the media caused the

confusion. Many stations failed to broadcast Hunt's entire speech, and employees were unsure if they were exempt or not based on what they heard, she said.

Chancellor Michael Hooker had announced that the University would be open Sept. 9 and operate under the "adverse weather" policy.

"The adverse weather policy contemplates catastrophic weather and finds ways to deal with it," Drake said. "The policy was perfectly adequate to handle last week."

UNC employees will be given the opportunity to make up some of the missed time. Under the "adverse weather" policy, workers will be paid for any scheduled hours from Sept. 6 through Sept. 9. Temporary employees are not included, because they are only paid for the hours they work.

Under the policy, workers also were provided with a chance to take time off after Monday to deal with any hurricane-related problems. These employees have a year to make up the missed time.

## People march to protest racism, religious violence

BY TIFFANY CASHWELL  
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RALEIGH — State religious and political leaders marched a diverse group of approximately 40 people to the state capitol Monday afternoon in Raleigh to protest the racism behind recent black church burnings across the Southeast.

"The burnings are minor compared to the racism reflected in the acts. This is what we need to focus on most," said S. Collins Kilburn, executive director of the N.C. Council of Churches.

March organizers wanted to show the unity of various church denominations against racism, said Harold Wallace, a planning board member of the Religious and Political Leaders Seminar and assistant of minority affairs at the UNC.

"The symbolism of the march is important," he said. "It sets an example for others to follow." The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, led the march.

The burnings, a total of 45 from January to August, sparked discussions about what churches could do to combat racism.

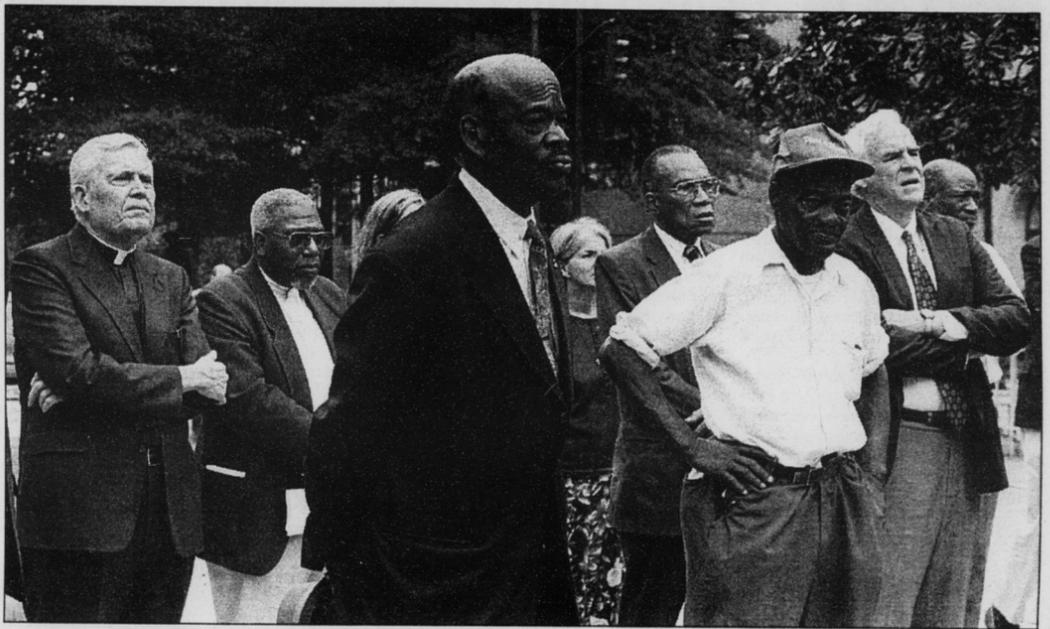
"We want to work collaboratively with black churches," Kilburn said, speaking for the predominantly white council. "I would like to form a single, merged committee between both groups to discuss the issues."

Baptist, Methodist, Catholic and Muslim ministers and white and black citizens walked in pairs down Hillsborough Street from St. Paul AME Church. Once at the capitol, several ministers described acts of racial violence as the result of a decaying moral climate. Each denomination promised to improve that climate by teaching their congregations racial tolerance and trust.

The Rev. William Barber of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro helped plan the march and rally. He is also a member of the Religious and Political Leaders Seminar and a co-sponsor of the march.

"After the recent church burnings, discussion centered around law enforcement and criminal punishment. No one wanted to address the moral climate. That's why we are here today," he said.

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Several people listen to presentations about the best way to deal with the recent wave of black church burnings in the Southeast. Predominantly white and black churches co-planned the event, held Monday in Raleigh.

## Council hears traffic concerns of East Franklin neighborhoods

BY ALEX PODLOGAR  
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Residents voiced opposition to language regarding limited retail development in the East Franklin Street Corridor Study at the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting Monday night.

The study, developed by the Planning Board, concerns the development and preservation of the portion of East Franklin Street from Elliot road to WCHL radio station. The study also includes techniques designed to enhance the appearance of the "Gateway to the Town."

The area deals with four properties, including the residential Oxford Hills and Coker Hills. The fear of potential retail development has residents in these areas in an uproar about everything from safety to an increase in traffic congestion.

"We highly commend the planning board (for the study)," Daniel McCauliffe, president of the Coker Hills organization, said. "However, we are dismayed at the planning board members on the subject of retail development."

Many residents said that any increase in retail stores would add to the already disturbing problem of traffic congestion.

"I am in strong opposition to the placing of a supermarket and any retail store," Coker Hills resident Ruby Juliano said. "Coker Hills is a quiet and tranquil place where kids are safe to walk to school. Retail development of any kind would lead to negative impacts on traffic and safety for sure."

The study touted a mixture of uses. The area would be organized around a "village" ideal, maintaining residences and designing buildings to complement

each other.

"We want something to signal this is the arrival to this town," Mary Reeb of the planning board said. "This is not yet a commercial area, and there is a good deal of vegetation. There is a residential goal there that we want to retain."

The plan also stated that it would be sensitive to the neighborhoods' privacy.

But some residents are not convinced.

"There will be many noise concerns, truck deliveries and odors from dumpsters," Donna Hudson said. "The biggest issue for me and my neighbors is privacy, and the peace and tranquility would be greatly threatened by retail development."

The planning board wants the study to become part of the town's Comprehensive Plan. The planning board will meet again with the council Oct. 16.

## BOG chairman criticized by students

■ C. Cliff Cameron said he didn't mean to refer to students as employees.

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
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UNC student government officers criticized comments from Board of Governors Chairman C. Cliff Cameron about why no students will be on the committee to select a new UNC-system president.

Cameron told a reporter for The Daily Tar Heel following Friday's meeting that selecting a replacement for UNC-system President C.D. Spangler was like choosing a new company leader. "It's sort of like the board of directors of a company. You don't consult employees and stockholders before electing the CEO."

UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President Aaron Nelson said he didn't like the quote, which appeared in "BOG names search committee for UNC head."

"How can you run an effective company if you don't consult the employees or the stockholders," he asked. "I find that attitude to be very frustrating."

John Dervin, president of the Association of Student Governments and non-voting member of the BOG, said reading Cameron's comment made him even more upset about the search process. "I am greatly troubled and bewildered and will be getting in touch with him."

Monday, Cameron said he had merely used a bad analogy to explain the search process. "I reckon I did use that," he said. "Having been all my business life in corporate involvement — I don't know that that was the best example to use."

Cameron said he did not mean to imply that students and faculty members were stockholders or employees. He said he meant taxpayers and employees at UNC General Administration.

Dervin said, "I'm glad he has retracted that statement."

Controversy over Cameron's statement kept open the debate over why only

BOG members were placed on the search committee. Dervin, a UNC-CH senior, is a member of the leadership statement committee and the only student on a committee in the selection process.

The search process, which was determined before Dervin joined the BOG this summer, specified that only BOG members join the search committee.

Dervin said the leadership committee was not enough because the new president must be able to communicate with students, faculty and chancellors. "Members of the University community should be interacting with the candidates."

Student body presidents at other UNC-system institutions agree. "150,000 students make up the system," said Angela Nix, student body president at East Carolina University. "We should have membership on the search committee."

Kaye Cranford, student body president at Appalachian State University, said, "I can see where they're coming from, (but) I definitely think the students need to be involved in that decision."



John Franklin, recipient of the "Historian of the Century" award, is commended by former U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford during the first session of the civil rights conference held in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center.

## Conference explores centuries of racism

■ John Franklin was awarded "Historian of the Century" at the program.

BY LESLIE QUIGLESS  
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The horror of the Plessy vs. Ferguson decision, which established the "separate but equal" clause, challenged future generations to fight the horrors of racism, said famed author and historian John Franklin at a symposium Tuesday.

Franklin, a Harvard University graduate and former N.C. Central University professor, gave a speech in the first of three sessions that make up the conference "From Plessy to Brown to Hopwood," after which representatives from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, N.C. State University, and NCCU presented him with the "Historian of the Century" award.

The conference traces blacks' struggle for equality through three landmark cases,

the first being Plessy vs. Ferguson.

Franklin began his speech with the story of John Punch, a black indentured servant who ran away in 1640 with two white indentured servants. Punch was sentenced to one lifetime of servitude. The others were sentenced to one year.

Franklin said the road to Plessy began with this incident and led to the Civil War. He said the black soldiers' role in the Civil War was essential to the Union victory, but many people are still unaware of black soldiers' importance. "It is a story told over and over again only to be forgotten," Franklin said.

Franklin said, "Black Americans plead(ed) with white Americans to respect the law" when the Civil Rights Act was passed, while Southern whites balked at obeying it.

The Supreme Court decision in 1883 to declare the act unconstitutional made passing the Separate Car Act, which separated blacks and whites in train cars, fairly simple in 1890, he said. Plessy was arrested in 1892 for refusing to move to the car reserved for blacks, although he

could have passed for white. Plessy had argued that the separate car law violated his rights because the law could not be enforced when "no one knows who's black and who's white."

Franklin said the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the doctrine of "separate but equal" legitimized "formal racial classification as legitimized."

Franklin said, "Perhaps the road to equality could be reached before another century has passed."

Iyailu Moses, the director of African-American Cultural Center at NCSU, pledged to "make use of history" by taking time to teach students black history.

"We must be active bearers of the truth," she said.

UNC-CH Professor of African and Afro-American Studies Valerie Kaalund agreed with Moses' sentiment that the best way to honor Franklin is to educate people about black history.

"Everyone needs to read some of his work," she said. "We are lucky to have him for as long as we do. He helped to set the standard for scholarship."

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Phyllis Diller